## **ABSTRACT**

A gripping member for a fast-fit safety coupling, having a tubular main body connectable to a first pipe; a slide valve member fitted to slide axially inside the main body, and maintained by a spring in a closed position separating the first pipe in fluidtight manner from the surrounding environment; releasable primary connecting means defining a forward coupled position of an endpiece of a second pipe inside the main body, to connect the first and second pipe hydraulically; and releasable secondary connecting means for retaining the endpiece, upon release of the primary connecting means, in a withdrawn safety position in which the endpiece is connected mechanically to the main body, and the valve member is in the closed position permitting leakage of the work fluid; the secondary connecting means include releasable retaining means which cooperate with the endpiece to prevent it from being detached from the main body, are controlled by the pressure of the work fluid inside the main body, and are disabled by the aforementioned pressure falling below a predetermined threshold value.